

In regards to the proposed national standard for telephone privacy, I would like to express concerns related to the limited protection provided to telephone consumers. Last year, I applied for Indiana's "No Call" list. I am a registered nurse. I work in critical care and I work twelve hour night shifts. Prior to the implementation of the "No Call" list, I was receiving up to ten unsolicited calls per day from companies wanting to sell a product or receive a donation. The most important piece of the problem with telephone solicitation for me was the interruption of sleep. As a night shift employee in a field that requires a person to be awake, alert, and able to think on a critical level, sleep is of the utmost importance. One may think to suggest that I turn the ringing tone off of my telephone in order to avoid unsolicited calls. Unfortunately, this is not an option as I have aging parents and grandparents that may need to contact me for emergencies. I cannot and will not miss a call in regards to a family member! Additionally, the lack of privacy in my own home is of a concern to me. Unsolicited mailings are easily thrown away. Door to door solicitors can be avoided by not answering the door bell. If a person does not pay for a Caller I.D. option on their telephone, these calls cannot be avoided. Some telephone solicitors are very persistent and rude, not understanding when they are told: "I am not interested, thank you." I do not feel that it is any telephone solicitor's right to badger or berate me.

I purchase products and I donate time, money, and gently used clothing items. I do this on a very regular basis. I CHOOSE the companies and organizations that I would like to support. I do not feel that other organizations need to enter my home without my permission. Our world is filled with advertisements given to us in so many forms and found in so many places: television and radio, print media, billboards, public transportation, and so many more. Please allow our home telephone to be free of marketing and used for its initial purpose: communication with family and friends.

Thank you very much for your time and attention.

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